[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*d*) The number of purely inspection tours to Quilon and other places to the north was 4 in 1108 and 5 in 1109 up to the end of Idavom. During 7 trips in 1108 and 7 trips in 1109 to Cochin, inspection and other works were also undertaken.

(*e*) Tours of inspection to places on the way to Cochin are, as far as possible, arranged along with the trips to Cochin.

Refusal of Government authorities to accept Sirkar coins.

49. ***Mr. G. Naravana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government authorities at the salt depot at Munambom invariably refuse to accept Travancore Government coins from the merchants when tendered as the price of salt purchased?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Government have no information.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether British Indian one anna nickel coins and other copper coins are accepted in Government Treasuries as legal tender?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Sir, I do not think that that arises as a supplementary question. The main question relates to the acceptance of Travancore currency at the Munambam Depot. The present question is for the Financial Secretary to answer.

President: I have no objection to the Financial Secretary answering it.

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No, they are not legal tender.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether such coins are not declared as un-current coins?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai: When remitted by the Post Office or by the Devaswom Department, or the Salt Depot, or the Tobacco Depot, they are accepted in the Treasuries.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: When deposited by private individuals, are they accepted?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai: In case of absolute necessity, they are also accepted. There is no difficulty in regard to these coins.

Ayurvedic dispensary at Puttenchira.

50. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the public of Puttenchira pakuthi have memorialised them for opening an Ayurvedic dispensary at Puttenchira and for the sanctioning of a grant to the Ayurvedic physician who is now conducting a dispensary there?

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Mr. A. Kumara Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member what action has been taken in the matter by Government?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: The memorial was sent to the Inspector of Ayurveda.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member when the memorial was sent?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: 4th July 1934.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran (*Nominated*): May I know from the member when they received the memorial?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: About the 1st of July.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Even without a memorial being presented, will not the Ayurveda Department be aware of the existence of this physician and his work?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know from the member whether the department had no notice of the efficiency of the physician in this particular pakuthi?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: The department does not take any notice unless the physicians apply for a grant.

P. W. D. toll-gates in the State.

51. *Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:

(*a*) the number of P. W. D. toll stations in the State, their location and the date of opening each of them;

(*b*) the object of opening such toll stations and the schedule rates of the toll levied at each of these stations;

(*c*) the total amount collected at each station from the date of its opening; and

(*d*) how many of such toll stations have been located at the entrance to bridges; the cost of construction of each of such bridges; the amount necessary for the annual maintenance of each of such bridges and the total amount collected up to the end of Medam 1109 from each of these stations from the date of the opening of such stations?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) & (*c*) A list furnishing the information is placed on the table.

(*b*) To realise from the users of roads something in return for the heavy expenditure annually incurred by Government in the construction and maintenace of roads and bridges. A schedule† showing the rates of toll is placed on the table.

(*d*) None.

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* *Vide* Appendix I (A) at pages 328 to 33.

† *Vide* Appendix 1 B at page 332.

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